



**EASTERN ASIA:** Mostly dry weather stressed reproductive to filling summer crops across most of the North China Plain and Manchuria. In Manchuria, rain (5-25 mm) was confined to Jilin and southern Heilongjiang, with little or no rainfall reported in Liaoning. In the North China Plain, dry weather stressed summer crops in Shandong, Anhui, Jiangsu, and southern Hebei. Showers (20-75 mm) boosted moisture supplies in Henan and crop areas of Shanxi and Shaanxi (15-60 mm). Temperatures averaged 1 to 2 degrees C above normal from southern Hebei northeastward to Liaoning, contributing to further stress on summer crops. Near- to slightly below-normal temperatures were reported across the rest of the North China Plain. Moderate to heavy showers (25-125 mm) boosted moisture supplies for single crop and late double-crop rice across central and southern China. The only exception was mostly dry weather in Zhejiang and northern Jiangxi, where moisture supplies are adequate. Temperatures averaged 1 to 3 degrees C below normal across central and southern China. Mostly dry weather also stressed summer crops in the main crop-producing area of northwestern North Korea. Widespread showers (30-200 mm) covered southern North Korea, South Korea, and southern Japan (Kyushu and Shikoku Islands), increasing moisture supplies for summer crops and rice. Warm, dry weather favored rice development across northern Honshu, Japan. Temperatures averaged near normal across the Korean Peninsula and 1 to 5 degrees C above normal across Japan.